

Overview of the New Orleans Smoke-Free Ordinance

New Orleans has joined almost 700 cities nationwide in going smoke-free. The City's new ordinance goes into effect on April 22, 2015. In addition to smoking restrictions that already exist under state law, there will be new restrictions on smoking and vaping (use of e-smoking devices) in many locations across the city.



= Smoking and Vaping Prohibited



= Smoking and Vaping Allowed

Indoors	
Bars	
Restaurants	
Casinos and other gambling facilities	
Hotels and motels	
Workplaces	
Schools (preschool to post-secondary)	
Private Clubs	
Common areas of multi-unit housing, including apartment complexes and condos	
Buildings and vehicles owned, leased, occupied, or operated by the City or State	
Prisons and other correctional facilities	
Most other public places (enclosed by two or more walls/barriers), including: hospitals, nursing homes, public buses and street cars, retail stores, and retail service businesses	
Private homes and vehicles	
Private and semi-private rooms in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, when requested by all occupants in writing	
Tobacco businesses	
Electronic smoking device businesses (vape shops)	
Cigar bars legally operating on or before 12/31/14. However, smoking cigarettes is prohibited.	
Hookah bars legally operating on or before 12/31/14. However, smoking cigarettes is prohibited.	
Convention facilities during Mardi Gras Balls	
Outdoors	
Workplaces, such as construction sites	
*Within 5 feet of entrances and operable windows of indoor locations where smoking and vaping are prohibited	
*Within 25 feet of entrances to buildings owned, leased, occupied, or operated by the City or State	
In and within 5 feet of Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Survivors Plaza on Loyola Avenue	
In and within 5 feet of Lafayette Square	
Sports arenas, stadiums, amphitheaters, and recreational areas with playground equipment, except during concerts, fairs, farmers markets, festivals, and parades	
In bleachers and grandstands for use by spectators at sporting events	
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State law: Smoking prohibited within 25 feet of public entrances and wheelchair ramps of office buildings owned by the State	
State law: Smoking prohibited within 200 feet of entrances, exits, and outdoor areas of elementary and secondary schools	
Designated smoking and vaping sections of outdoor seating, serving areas, balconies, and courtyards of bars, restaurants, and casinos	
Outdoors on Bourbon Street	
All other outdoor locations	

**For More Information Contact the New Orleans Health Department at
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*Pending ordinance proposes to allow smoking and vaping in these locations.

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